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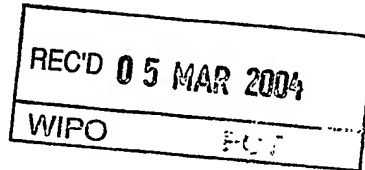
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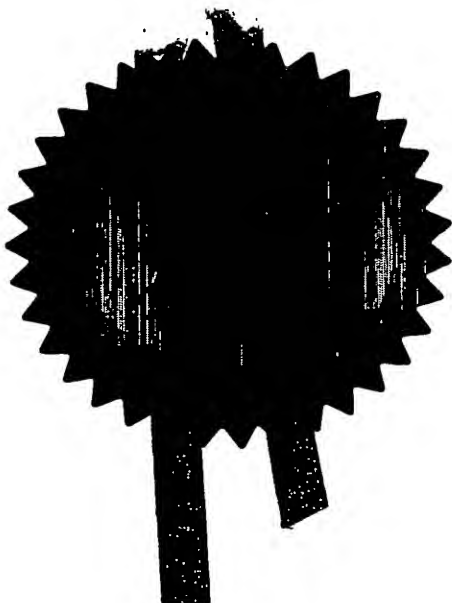


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Improvements to a Wet Suit

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Wet suits are typically worn by persons who are participating in a leisure pursuit or sport either immersed within a body of water or on the surface of the surface of the body of water such as for example surfing, wind surfing or the like. It should therefore be appreciated that the advantages as described herein and in the co-pending patent applications, are applicable to wet suits which are worn in any of these pursuits and indeed any form of suit which is typically required to be worn by a person who is likely to come in contact with water during the pursuit of their leisure interest or sport.

In accordance with the present invention there is provided a wet suit to be worn by a person, said wet suit including a layer of material, and at least a portion or portions of said suit, water can pass between the inner surface of the said layer of material and the person wearing the suit and wherein at least a portion of the suit includes a layer of wool, or wool blended with synthetic fibres or materials, which lies between the person and said layer of material.

Typically, the wool or wool blended material is positioned such that if water does enter the wet suit, the same will come into contact with the wool or wool blend.

It is envisaged that variations will be made to the wet suit design to suit particular uses. For example, when the wet suit is provided for use on the surface of a body of water, the need for the seams of the wet suit to be watertight is reduced as the person wearing the wet suit may only come into irregular contact with the water and indeed may never actually be submersed within the body of water. Furthermore, as the tendency of the cells of the foam or rubber material to compress is not as great when the user is positioned at the surface of the body of water, a layer of foam or rubber, if provided, and/or wool/or wool blend, may be reduced in thickness in comparison to a wetsuit for wear by a person in an underwater activity.

With regard to a wet suit for use by a diver, the thickness of the wool and/or foam or neoprene layers may be increased to provide particular advantages to the person wearing the suit at greater depths in the body of water.

In whichever embodiment, the advantages of improved hygiene, the ability for the wet suit to be worn for a relatively long period of time, and the improved thermal capacity, all of which advantages are illustrated in greater detail in the co-pending applications are achieved and provided to the wearer of the wet suit, regardless of whether the wet suit is worn and used on the surface or within the body of water.

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